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Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 126 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/55/888.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 67th meeting, on 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/55/SR.67).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.86

3. At the 67th meeting, on 25 May 2001, the representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" (A/C.5/55/L.86). In introducing the draft resolution, the Vice-Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to an error in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution and requested that the word "are" be replaced by the words "would be".

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Sweden (on behalf of Member States that are members of the

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European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Pakistan, Algeria and Iraq (see A/C.5/55/SR.67).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the following reports:

(a) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;[1]

(b) Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[2]

(c) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[3]

(d) Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[4]

(e) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;[5]

(f) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;[6]

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the rules and procedures to be applied for the investigation functions performed by the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[7]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services would be in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999, and the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Decides* to defer consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes, updated version,[8] to its fifty-sixth session, and requests the Secretary-General to

[1] A/51/432.
[2] A/51/530 and Corr.1.
[3] A/52/426.
[4] A/52/464.
[5] A/53/428.
[6] A/54/393.
[7] A/55/469.
[8] A/55/826 and Corr.1.

seek updated views from the funds and programmes on this report and to transmit them to the Assembly at the main part of its fifty-sixth session;

3. *Also decides* to defer consideration of the sixth annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services covering activities for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[9] to its fifty-sixth session.

[9] A/55/436.